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1. In early April, preparations were being made for the construction of bridges over the Oder River and the Oder Canal at Schwedt. A total of six road bridges is scheduled to be built. The bridges are to span the canal, the branches of the Oder River, the Oder River itself, and the flood areas of the river. Concrete bridges and steel arch bridges, capable of the heaviest loads, will be erected. Construction work will be executed by four East German firms, including the firm of "Leipziger Stahlbau". Construction work will be started from the German side of the river. Source did not know whether bridge construction work at Schwedt is under Soviet supervision.
2. In early April, work was being done on the reconditioning of the main approach road to the bridges. The approach road is to be made capable of carrying the heaviest vehicles. The remnants of the concrete piers of the former bridges were being demolished, and the scrap was salvaged. Three piers of one bridge were scheduled to be completed before the beginning of the coming winter. The diver who worked at the bridge site was also employed on bridge construction work in Hohenwutzen.

25X1 ☐ Comment: Information on the construction of road bridges over the Oder River
25X1 at Schwedt and Hohenwutzen was transmitted previously. ☐
25X1 ☐ The two bridges ~~are being constructed mainly for military~~
reasons.

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